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Dear Mrs. Hesse,

I am an immigrant from Germany and I remember how my parents became accomplices in the crimes committed by their government by virtue of being Germans. That is the reason why I must register my opposition to the injustice done to Microsoft by the Justice Department. My reasons are best expressed in a letter of mine in the 12/6/99 issue of TIME. Therefore, I am sending you the unedited version of that letter.

Dear Time Editor:

Lynching is alive and well in America. No, not in some backward corner of these United States. This time the lynching takes place in Time [November 15, 1999 Busting Bill] and on CNN for the whole world to watch. This time the Justice Department of the United States of America is proudly committing this heinous crime.

Who is being lynched? No, not some unfortunate person for having the wrong skin color. This time the victim is a productive genius and creator of wealth for himself, for me and for countless millions around the globe. It is Bill Gates.

Yes, there is a criminal in the case of US versus MS, but it is not Microsoft. I resent it very much that I am an accomplice to this crime by virtue of being an American.

What is most appalling in this case is the victim's inability to defend himself. Bill Gates should have demanded that the Justice Department cease violating his inalienable rights -- namely, his right to his life, his liberty and his property. By failing to do so, Bill Gates has become an accomplice in his lynching.

Sincerely, Adri Kalisvaart

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